

**MINUTES
MACOMB COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2005**

President Perna began the meeting at 7:30 a.m. held at Freedom Hill County Park.

ROLL CALL

Present:

James M. Perna, President
Gasper Salerno, Vice-President
Ann E. Klein, Secretary
Dino F. Bucci Jr., Sgt. At Arms
Fran Gillett
Anthony J. Lipinski
Peter J. Lund
Timothy M. Malone
Dolores Thomas, Rep. Anthony Marrocco
Marvin Sauger
Betty Slinde

Others Present:

Anthony G. Casasanta, Sharon Quinn, Macomb County Parks & Recreation; George Brumbaugh and Jim Meyerand, Corporation Counsel; Kevin Cassidy, Cindy Rhodes Victor, and Hank Riberas, Hillside Productions; Kathy Flesher, WRIF and Karmanos Institute Representatives; Frank Blowers and Patrick Daniels representing Vietnam Veterans

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION BY BUCCI, SUPPORTED BY SLINDE WAS MADE APPROVING THE AGENDA WITH CHANGES: ITEM 7. AS NEW BUSINESS, 7E. BATTLE OF THE BRIT'S AND ITEM 8. OLD BUSINESS. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Fran Parker of Sterling Heights commented Harley Fest should change location and wonders how much benefits the Karmanos Cancer Institute. Ms. Parker asked about the "Time to Dance for a Cause" benefit and also about annual parking fees for next year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY SALERNO WAS MADE APPROVING THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2005. MOTION CARRIED.

BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Casasanta reported there is no major expense and rental revenues are reflected on the budget report and asked if there were any questions.

MOTION BY BUCCI, SUPPORTED BY LIPINSKI WAS MADE APPROVING THE BUDGET REPORTS. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Casasanta reported that the Commission is in receipt of correspondence from the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office that states there was no violation of the Opens Meeting Act as per the complaint filed in March.

Mr. Lipinski stated he was not aware of any meeting with Hillside. Mr. Perna explained a discussion took place in March between Hillside and Commissioners Gillett, Slinde, Sauger, Salerno and himself regarding the Palace.

MOTION BY SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY SLINDE WAS MADE TO RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Vietnam Veterans Wall Memorial

Mr. Blowers reported that the traveling wall has already been booked for Memorial Weekend of 2006, but they plan on coming to Freedom Hill Memorial Weekend of 2007 and will come back before the Commission to request that weekend. Mr. Blowers and Mr. Daniels, representing the Veterans groups presented the Commission a proposal to erect a permanent memorial for the 140 veterans from Macomb County who lost their lives in Vietnam. Plans for this memorial would be erected around the helicopter site requiring an approximate 20 x 30 foot space. The Veterans groups will pay for all material and construction costs of the memorial.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION BY KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY THOMAS WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE VIETNAM VETERANS PERMANENT MEMORIAL SITE AT FREEDOM HILL COUNTY PARK. MOTION CARRIED.

L.E.T.S. E.A.T. Food Drive 2006

MOTION BY SALERNO, SUPPORTED BY LIPINSKI WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE L.E.T.S. E.A.T. FOOD DRIVE EVENT AT FREEDOM HILL COUNTY PARK FOR SEPTEMBER 9, 2006, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PARKS ADMINISTRATOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Harley Fest 2006

Kathy Flesher of WRIF requested to hold the 8th Harley Fest event in June of 2006 at Freedom Hill with donations to benefit the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Mr. Casasanta stated he has spoken with Captain Teske of the Macomb County Sheriff Department regards to holding Harley Fest at Freedom Hill. It was recommended by Captain Teske that this event be advertised whereby participants attending this event show no colors.

Ms. Flesher responded she also has communicated with Captain Teske and will advertise per his request.

Ms. Flesher reported this event would be coordinated in the same way as it was last year and there will not be any concerts at the amphitheater. Mr. Cassidy concurred that there will not be a concert at the amphitheater during Harley Fest event next year.

Commissioner Malone asked Ms. Flesher, if someone from her staff would observe the sound levels in the neighborhood that day. Ms. Flesher stated she would coordinate this request upon receiving contact that day.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION BY KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY SAUGER WAS MADE TO APPROVE HARLEY FEST AT FREEDOM HILL COUNTY PARK ON JUNE 17, 2006 WITH MALONE VOTING “NO”. MOTION CARRIED.

UAW Local 2280 Picnic – August 2006

Mr. Casasanta recommended approval for the Local 2280 picnic in August of 2006.

MOTION BY SALERNO, SUPPORTED, BY SLINDE WAS MADE APPROVING THE UAW LOCAL 2280 PICNIC IN AUGUST OF 2006 AT FREEDOM HILL COUNTY PARK. MOTION CARRIED.

Battle of the Brit's Car Show - 2006

Mr. Casasanta recommended approval of the Battle of the Britt's Car show in 2006.

MOTION BY LIPINSKI, SUPPORTED BY SLINDE WAS MADE APPROVING THE BATTLE OF THE BRIT'S CAR SHOW ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2006 AT FREEDOM HILL COUNTY PARK. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Outdoor Rental Rates

Mr. Casasanta stated our rental rates are a little higher than the suggested costs recommended by the Finance Department; however, expensive security costs have become a concern for the Park. Considering not all events require security, it is recommended perspective sponsors split half of the security costs. This would mean keeping rental rates the same, but increasing security deposits.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION BY KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY SLINDE WAS MADE APPROVING THE PARK ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO HAVE EVENT SPONSORS PAY HALF OF SECURITY EXPENSES UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$1,500 AND TO COLLECT THE \$1,500 IN THE SECURITY DEPOSIT. MOTION CARRIED.

Annual Benefit “Time to Dance for a Cause” - January 28, 2006

MOTION BY SLINDE, SUPPORTED BY THOMAS WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE 3RD ANNUAL BENEFIT “TIME TO DANCE FOR A CAUSE” FOR ST. JUDE HOSPITAL AS RECOMMENDED BY PARKS ADMINISTRATOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Food and Beverage Agreement and Consent Assignment to
Sublease Freedom Hill Amphitheater

Mr. Brumbaugh stated Hillside is expected to bring back a proposal for additional space reference the food and beverage agreement in a couple of weeks.

Mr. Brumbaugh stated the Commission was in receipt of Corporation Counsel’s memo regarding the assignment of sublease and recommended the Parks Commission raise questions now about the Consent to Assignment Sublease of the Freedom Hill Amphitheater.

Commissioner Lund asked Mr. Riberas if there would be any changes to the interactions with personnel. Mr. Riberas responded that this is a newly formed LLC with the principles being Palace Sports Entertainment and two existing owners of Hillside Productions and does not foresee any substantial changes.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sager asked for clarification as to Hillside’s involvement with the Palace. Mr. Riberas stated that this is not an acquisition; it is a merger with the Palace.

Commissioner Salerno asked Corporation Counsel what if one party wants to drop out of the “marriage” agreement. Mr. Brumbaugh responded they would have to come back to the Commission in order to do so.

Commissioner Gillett inquired as to who has controlling interest. Ms. Victor responded there is a confidentiality agreement and cannot comment.

Commissioner Malone asked for a point of contact at the Palace. Mr. Riberas responded he would get back the name and number to the Commission.

Commissioner Lund asked Mr. Riberas whether or not the Palace was going to have a more expanded role over the concert venue. Mr. Riberas responded the Palace would become more involved over day-to-day operations, as well as, bookings.

MOTION BY SLINDE, SUPPORTED BY SAUGER WAS MADE AS RECOMMENDED BY CORPORATION COUNSEL TO HEREBY MOVE THAT THE REQUESTED ASSIGNMENT OF THE SUBLEASE AGREEMENT DATED MAY 19, 1999, AS AMENDED, BETWEEN HILLSIDE PRODUCTIONS AND THE MACOMB COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION BE ASSIGNED AS REQUESTED BY HILLSIDE PRODUCTIONS, INC. TO PSE HILLSIDE, LLC AND THAT SAID RECOMMENDATION BE FORWARDED TO THE MACOMB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THEIR CONCURRENCE AND APPROVAL. MOTION CARRIED.

Point of Information

Mr. Brumbaugh stated that the Board Chairman has asked for this matter to be placed on the Operational Services agenda for the meeting of October 18, 2005 and on to the Full Board agenda for the meeting of October 26, 2005.

OTHER

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION BY SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY KLEIN WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

President Perna adjourned the Macomb County Parks & Recreation Commission meeting at 8:25 a.m.

Sincerely,

Ann E. Klein, Secretary
Macomb County Parks & Recreation Commission

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